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Title:	SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SELECTION OF PAYMENT SYSTEMS DIRECTORY TO PROCESS A TRANSACTION	Confirmation No.:	7128

REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.322

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.322, Patentee hereby requests a Certificate of Correction be issued to correct errors noticed in the issued patent.

Applicants assert that there are errors in the Related U.S. Application Data (60) on the front page of the issued patent. This error was made by the Office. Specifically, the front page of the patent under Related U.S. Application Data (60) should read:

This application is a Continuation-in-part of 10/611,034 filed on June 30, 2003

Applicants' Attorney refers to the Declaration (Oath) filed on March 25, 2004 (pg. 2), the Specification filed on December 4, 2003 (pg. 1), and the Updated Filing Receipt mailed on April 20, 2004. As a courtesy, copies of these documents are being submitted herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,

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**Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SELECTION OF PAYMENT SYSTEMS
FROM A PAYMENT SYSTEM DIRECTORY TO PROCESS A
TRANSACTION**

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Reference to Related Application

[0001] The present application claims the benefit of, and priority to, U.S. Patent Application serial no. 10/611,034, entitled "System and Method for a Payment System Directory," and filed June 30, 2003, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Field of Invention

[0002] The present invention generally relates to use of payment systems to process payments and, more particularly, to a system and method to enable entities to dynamically locate and transact with payment systems to facilitate processing payments.

Background of the Invention

[0003] Currently, a supplier routes payment card transactions through an acquiring bank, with which it has an established business relationship. The acquiring bank then utilizes an established financial network (e.g., VisaNet, BankNet) to route the transaction to the card issuing bank. The supplier does not typically communicate directly with the issuing bank; rather, the established financial networks route transactions to issuing banks based on BIN range, without consideration of other request attributes. A need exists for a system which allows entities to dynamically locate and transact directly with payment systems to facilitate processing payments



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DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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the specification of which is attached hereto or was filed on December 4, 2003 as Application Serial No. 10/728,279.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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Prior Foreign
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

On the Title page, section (60) Related U.S. Application Data, please insert therefor --Continuation in Part of application No. 10/611,034 filed on June 30, 2003--.

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